



Sacata Fire Update

Sierra National Forest

**October 14, 2016 Morning
Update**



Location: Sierra National Forest

Date Started: October 11, 2016 @ 12:58p.m.

Percent Contained: 35%

Acres Burned: 1,700

Injuries: 2

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources: Hand crews 17
Engines 23
Helicopters 8
Water Tenders 6
Dozers 4

Total personnel assigned to fire: 581

The US Forest Service on the Sierra National Forest continues to fight the Sacata Fire. The fire is burning in tall grass and brush within native area oaks. Keeping in the forefront that public and firefighter safety is the number one concern, crews are engaging the fire in steep and very rugged terrain. The crews are working in coordination with dozers, engines and a compliment of water dropping helicopters.

Dry, drought ravaged grass and brush are fueling the fire, which is now 35% contained. Temperatures on the fire have been moderate with a weather front along with increased winds and rains, predicted to arrive late tonight. The strategy and tactics are for full suppression of the Sacata Fire. Firefighters continue to construct and reinforce containment lines around the perimeter of the fire.

At present, the fire poses no immediate threat to communities and there are no evacuations in effect. Forest road 10S69 will be **closed intermittently** to the public, based on fire conditions and behavior.

Smoke Impacts

Smoke from the Sacata Fire may continue to be visible during active burning periods in the local communities. Depending on changing weather conditions, smoke may create decreased visibility and increased problems for people with respiratory diseases. For additional information on smoke conditions and health effects, visit airnow.gov

The Sierra National Forest is working with its cooperators, Fresno County Sheriff's Department, PG&E, Southern California Edison and Cal Fire.

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For more information please go to <http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5060/#>